

20. (Amended) The method of Claim 13 wherein a look-ahead algorithm is utilized.
21. (Amended) The system of Claim 1 wherein an inference strategy is utilized.
24. (Amended) The system of Claim 22 further including a temporary data store associated with said parser engine.
29. (Amended) The system of Claim 22 wherein said knowledge base includes knowledge about the information structures of identifying attribute objects.
30. (Amended) The system of Claim 22 wherein said knowledge database includes knowledge about an association between patterns and the identifying attribute objects they represent.
31. (Amended) The system of Claim 22 wherein a precedence of alternative solutions has been precompiled in said knowledge database thereby to allow best-first searching to be performed by said parser engine.
32. (Amended) The system of Claim 22 wherein said parser engine utilizes a best-first searching algorithm.
33. (Amended) The system of Claim 22 wherein said parser engine utilizes a look-ahead algorithm.